

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au type ferromagnetic ordered phase, wherein a conductive layer containing a conductive polymer compound is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.

2. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed between the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate and the magnetic layer.

3. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.

4. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on an edge of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.

5. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer contains a conductive metal oxide.

6. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide is selected from ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, BaO, MoO<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and complex oxides thereof.

7. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide has a volume resistivity of not more than 10<sup>7</sup> Ωcm.

8. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer contains carbon black.

9. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the carbon black has an SBET of 50 to 500 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

10. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the carbon black has a DBP oil absorption of 20 to 400 ml/100 g.

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): The magnetic recording medium according to claim ~~16~~ 1, wherein the conductive layer has a thickness of 10 to 700 nm.

13. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the magnetic recording medium has a surface electric resistance of not more than  $10^{10} \Omega/\text{sq}$ .

14. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising another magnetic layer, a nonmagnetic layer, or a back layer on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.

15. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising a protection film on the magnetic layer.

16. (currently amended): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu type or  $\text{Cu}_3\text{Au}$  type ferromagnetic ordered phase, wherein a conductive layer having a thickness of 10 to 400 nm is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate ~~The magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the conductive layer is 10 to 400 nm.~~

17. (currently amended): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the conductive layer is 20 to 400 nm.